

Remarks

The Examiner's continued work on this application is appreciated.

Claim 3 is amended to correct the dependency so that the claim depends from claim 7 and not claim 8. Claim 3 also includes an amendment for antecedent basis and two identical stylistic amendments. As is apparent, these minor amendments are solely for stylistic purposes and are not made for reasons relating to patentability; the amendments do not affect the substance or meaning of the claim. Entry of the amendments and allowance of claims 3-6 is respectfully requested. Claims 18-25 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application.

On October 3, 2005 the Examiner and the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview. Claim 9 was the only claim discussed. U.S. Patent No. 2,470,480 (Fogg) was the only reference discussed. Agreement was reached.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on Fogg was discussed. It was pointed out that Fogg is different from the prosthesis of claim 9 at least because Fogg lacks a cylinder secured in fixed-position relationship to the leg element. The Fogg cylinders are attached to the foot element. The Examiner authorized the undersigned to indicate that agreement was reached regarding claim 9.

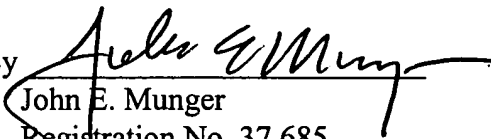
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